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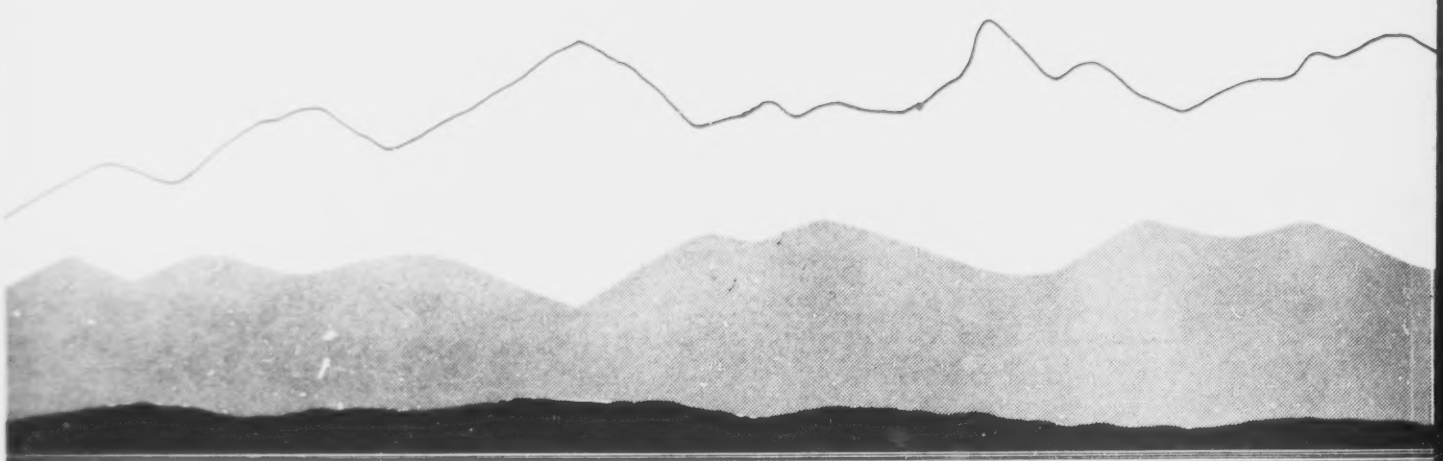

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Colorado Trends

Colorado labor force indicators turned in a lackluster performance in March. Lower employment accompanied by a slight rise in unemployment moved the seasonally adjusted jobless rate to 6.6 percent, one-tenth of a percentage point higher than in February. The rate one year ago was also 6.6 percent.

An estimated 109,700 Coloradans were out of work in March, only 100 above the February level, but 3,200 fewer than last year at the same time. Unemployment has shown little movement during the last six months hovering around 110,000.

Weakness was apparent in the employment statistics for the month. Changes statewide failed to match the usual February to March pattern and dropped 22,400 to 1,559,400 after seasonal adjustment. The number of workers was higher one year ago at 1,585,200.

Labor force trends have been a disappointment so far this year. Three consecutive months of declining employment has stalled the State's economic upswing. The current slowdown looks to be the result of a lack of new hiring rather than widespread layoffs. Also, a majority of the weakness appears to be concentrated in the Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs areas rather than statewide.

Actually, the economic picture is a mixture of good and bad news producing caution by the State's employers. On the positive side are the announced opening of many new firms and the expansion of existing firms, the tailings removal projects on the Western Slope, rising retail sales, a record ski season, an upturn in home sales and a brisk rate of job placements made by the Department's Job Service Centers. On the negative side are concern over a slowdown in the national economy, the prospects for a very poor fruit crop plus the possibility of a reduced wheat harvest, upcoming military/defense cutbacks and the announced layoff of workers in computer and related products industries.

Unemployment on a seasonally unadjusted basis was on the decline throughout Colorado during March. Thirty-seven of the sixty-three counties recorded lower jobless rates. Unemployment rates ranged from 21.7 percent in Conejos County to 2.5 percent in Phillips County.

National labor force indicators continued to improve during March. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the civilian unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.0 percent, a 16-year low. The number of jobless persons, at 6.1 million, fell by 220,000. Employment expanded by 283,000 to reach a record 117.1 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado climbed 8,500 in March to 1,435,700. The gain, however, was slightly below the usual increase for the February-March period. Six of the eight major nonfarm industry sectors in the State were higher during the month while the two losers showed only small declines. One year ago total wage and salary jobs in Colorado numbered 1,420,900.

Large increases occurred in the sectors of services (up 2,500), government (up 2,500) and contract construction (up 2,300). The gains in both construction and

government were greater than seasonally expected during the month while the rise in services was somewhat below average for March. Heavy construction was particularly strong, advancing 1,100 to 7,600 over the month. Business services gained 500 to 87,400 while local education provided the bulk of new jobs within government, adding 1,400 to 85,300.

Trade employment increased 1,200 during March, but the gain was much smaller than normal for the month. General merchandise stores lost 200 jobs to 29,900. Eating and drinking places which generally displays strength this time of year, added only 800 jobs compared to an average gain of 1,900 over the previous five years.

The two sectors of mining and finance, insurance and real estate experienced slight increases over the month with each adding 200 new jobs. Small losses were recorded in both manufacturing (down 300) and transportation and public utilities (down 100).

The Colorado Springs economy received another blow with the late April announcements that the U.S. Army will deactivate its 2nd Combat Brigade at Fort Carson by year's end. The decision will affect more than 3,300 troops and their families and will present an economic strain on the local community. In addition, layoffs are scheduled at two major employers -- Data General and IBM-Rolm---later this year.

Labor market conditions weakened in the **DENVER MSA** in March as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.1 percent. This is identical to the rate of one year ago.

After adjusting for normal seasonal movements, the number of local jobless persons showed very little change over-the-month, falling 200 to 52,000. Last year at this time an estimated 53,600 Metro residents were unemployed. Total employment fell more sharply, down 16,300 to 804,800, and is 21,000 below the year-ago level.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment added 3,600 during March to 797,600. This series is now up 900 over the year. The monthly increase was slightly lower than for the Februar,-March period, with most industry groups performing about as expected for the period. Job gains were noted in all major industry sectors except mining (no change) and transportation and public utilities (down 100). The largest advances came in construction (up 1,100), services (up 900) and government (up 900).

Strength in heavy construction was apparent in March as mild weather aided road work.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAR 1989	FEB 1989	DEC 1988	MAR 1988	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1669.1	1691.4	1719.8	1698.1	-22.3	-50.7	-29.0
Unemployment	109.7	109.6	109.3	112.9	0.1	0.4	-3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.6	---	---	---
Employment	1559.4	1581.8	1610.5	1585.2	-22.4	-51.1	-25.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1438.6	1439.8	1433.8	1424.4	-1.2	4.8	14.2
Mining	19.9	19.7	20.3	20.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.9
Contract Construction	56.7	55.9	59.6	59.9	0.8	-2.9	-3.2
Manufacturing	191.6	191.9	191.9	188.4	-0.3	-0.3	3.2
Durable Goods	120.0	120.2	120.8	117.5	-0.2	-0.8	2.5
Nondurable Goods	71.6	71.7	71.1	70.9	-0.1	0.5	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	90.7	90.9	89.9	91.6	-0.2	0.8	-0.9
Trade	353.9	355.9	350.9	349.7	-2.0	3.0	4.2
Wholesale	77.9	78.0	77.3	77.1	-0.1	0.6	0.8
Retail	276.0	277.9	273.6	272.6	-1.9	2.4	3.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	94.2	94.3	94.1	96.1	-0.1	0.1	-1.9
Services	359.7	360.1	357.6	352.6	-0.4	2.1	7.1
Government	271.9	271.1	269.5	265.3	0.8	2.4	6.6
Federal	56.4	56.2	55.7	55.3	0.2	0.7	1.1
State	65.1	65.5	64.3	62.2	-0.4	0.8	2.9
Local	150.4	149.4	149.5	147.8	1.0	0.9	2.6
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	856.8	873.3	880.3	879.4	-16.5	-23.5	-22.6
Unemployment	52.0	52.2	50.0	53.6	-0.2	2.0	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.0	5.7	6.1	---	---	---
Employment	804.8	821.1	830.3	825.8	-16.3	-25.5	-21.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	802.7	803.7	801.5	802.0	-1.0	1.2	0.7
Mining	11.8	11.8	12.3	13.3	0.0	-0.5	-1.5
Contract Construction	29.6	29.2	31.1	33.9	0.4	-1.5	-4.3
Manufacturing	95.8	95.9	95.3	93.9	-0.1	0.5	1.9
Durable Goods	50.9	51.0	50.9	49.5	-0.1	0.0	1.4
Nondurable Goods	44.9	44.9	44.4	44.4	0.0	0.5	0.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	65.7	66.0	65.9	67.1	-0.3	-0.2	-1.4
Trade	198.9	199.5	196.7	197.8	-0.6	2.2	1.1
Wholesale	55.6	55.5	55.2	54.9	0.1	0.4	0.7
Retail	143.3	144.0	141.5	142.9	-0.7	1.8	0.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.6	62.6	62.7	64.0	0.0	-0.1	-1.4
Services	210.3	210.9	210.9	206.7	-0.6	-0.6	3.6
Government	128.0	127.8	126.6	125.3	0.2	1.4	2.7
Federal	33.4	33.4	32.9	32.4	0.0	0.5	1.0
State	27.4	27.6	26.9	26.1	-0.2	0.5	1.3
Local	67.2	66.8	66.8	66.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	128980	131470	133820	131300	-2490	-4840	-2320
Unemployment	6910	6720	6610	6520	190	300	390
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.0	---	---	---
Employment	122070	124750	127210	124780	-2680	-5140	-2710
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	187060	189290	190750	188120	-2230	-3690	-1060
Unemployment	14250	14270	14230	14490	-20	20	-240
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.7	---	---	---
Employment	172810	175020	176520	173630	-2210	-3710	-820
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	93270	94580	95430	93550	-1310	-2160	-280
Unemployment	5550	5540	5360	5810	10	190	-260
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.9	5.6	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	87720	89040	90070	87740	-1320	-2350	-20
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	68050	68380	70160	67310	-330	-2110	740
Unemployment	4600	4660	4440	4860	-60	160	-260
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.8	6.3	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	63450	63720	65720	62450	-270	-2270	1000
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49210	50110	50290	49490	-900	-1080	-280
Unemployment	4370	4610	4690	4270	-240	-320	100
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	9.2	9.3	8.6	---	---	---
Employment	44840	45500	45600	45220	-660	-760	-380

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1659.5	1677.2	1687.8	-17700	-28300
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	121.9	125.5	125.4	-3600	-3500
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	7.5	7.4	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1537.6	1551.7	1562.4	-14100	-24800
Nonagricultural 5/	1492.4	1517.1	1520.6	-24700	-28200
Agricultural	45.2	34.6	41.8	10600	3400
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1435.7	1427.2	1420.9	8500	14800
(by place of work)					
MINING	19.9	19.7	20.8	200	-900
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	200
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.6	12.8	14.5	-200	-1900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	53.0	50.7	55.9	2300	-2900
General Building Contractors	13.5	13.3	13.0	200	500
Heavy Construction Contractors	7.6	6.5	8.3	1100	-700
Special Trade Contractors	31.9	30.9	34.6	1000	-2700
MANUFACTURING	189.1	189.4	185.9	-300	3200
Durable Goods	118.9	118.8	116.4	100	2500
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.7	6.7	6.8	0	-100
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.5	7.3	7.3	200	200
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.0	13.8	13.4	200	600
Machinery, except Electrical	31.9	32.1	30.7	-200	1200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	21.7	21.9	22.4	-200	-700
Transportation Equipment	18.0	17.9	17.4	100	600
Nondurable Goods	70.2	70.6	69.5	-400	700
Food & Kindred Products	25.9	26.4	25.6	-500	300
Printing & Publishing	22.7	22.8	22.9	-100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	90.3	90.4	91.2	-100	-900
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	47.9	48.2	48.3	-300	-400
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	351.2	350.0	347.0	1200	4200
Wholesale Trade	77.4	77.1	76.6	300	800
Retail Trade	273.8	272.9	270.4	900	3400
General Merchandise Stores	29.9	30.1	29.4	-200	500
Food Stores	44.2	44.1	39.5	100	4700
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.7	28.6	28.5	100	200
Eating & Drinking Places	102.4	101.6	105.1	800	-2700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	93.9	93.7	95.8	200	-1900
Banking	18.0	18.1	18.9	-100	-900
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	15.7	15.8	17.0	-100	-1300
SERVICES	360.4	357.9	353.3	2500	7100
Hotels & Other Lodging	30.9	30.5	29.7	400	1200
Personal Services	17.3	17.2	18.3	100	-1000
Business Services	87.4	86.9	82.1	500	5300
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	17.1	17.0	16.9	100	200
Amusements & Recreation	23.5	23.2	23.4	300	100
Health Services	89.2	89.1	86.7	100	2500
Hospitals	37.4	37.4	37.0	0	400
GOVERNMENT	277.9	275.4	271.0	2500	6900
Federal Government	55.7	55.5	54.6	200	1100
State Government	68.9	68.1	65.8	800	3100
Education	44.0	43.5	41.5	500	2500
Local Government	153.3	151.8	150.6	1500	2700
Education	85.3	83.9	84.5	1400	800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.2	0	-200

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	848.7	862.2	871.1	-13500	-22400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	56.8	58.3	58.6	-1500	-1800
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.8	6.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	791.9	803.9	812.5	-12000	-20600
Nonagricultural 5/	783.9	797.8	805.1	-13900	-21200
Agricultural	8.0	6.1	7.4	1900	600
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	797.6	794.0	796.7	3600	900
MINING	11.8	11.8	13.3	0	-1500
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.7	9.8	11.3	-100	-1600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	27.9	26.8	32.0	1100	-4100
MANUFACTURING	95.1	94.8	93.3	300	1800
Durable Goods	50.6	50.5	49.3	100	1300
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.9	15.5	-100	300
Nondurable Goods	44.5	44.3	44.0	200	500
Food & Kindred Products	14.5	14.3	14.3	200	200
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.1	13.3	-100	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65.5	65.6	66.9	-100	-1400
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	196.7	196.4	195.6	300	1100
Wholesale Trade	55.3	55.1	54.6	200	700
Retail Trade	141.4	141.3	141.0	100	400
Eating & Drinking Places	53.5	53.1	53.2	400	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	61.9	61.7	63.3	200	-1400
SERVICES	208.2	207.3	204.6	900	3600
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.6	10.5	10.6	100	0
Health Services	49.6	49.5	48.7	100	900
GOVERNMENT	130.5	129.6	127.7	900	2800
Federal Government	33.5	33.4	32.5	100	1000
State Government	28.5	28.3	27.1	200	1400
Local Government	68.5	67.9	68.1	600	400
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	127.4	129.6	129.6	-2200	-2200
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	7.5	7.6	7.1	-100	400
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.9	5.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	119.9	122.0	122.5	-2100	-2600
Nonagricultural 5/	118.1	120.6	120.8	-2500	-2700
Agricultural	1.8	1.4	1.7	400	100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	107.8	107.5	107.3	300	1400
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.1	3.4	-200	-100
MANUFACTURING	28.9	29.1	29.2	-200	-200
Durable Goods	23.3	23.6	23.9	-100	-400
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.5	5.3	-100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	22.6	22.5	22.5	-100	400
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Retail Trade	19.7	19.6	19.7	-100	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
SERVICES	23.3	23.1	22.8	0	800
GOVERNMENT	23.3	23.1	22.8	800	500
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	11.1	11.0	10.7	800	400
Local Government	9.6	9.5	9.5	0	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	March 1989 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	February 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	6020	5378	642	10.7	--	5932	5341	591	10.0
Archuleta	2296	1980	316	13.8	--	2255	1970	285	12.6
Baca	2218	2085	133	6.0	--	2016	1927	89	4.4
Bent	2121	2020	101	4.8	--	2091	1963	128	6.1
Chaffee	6264	5696	568	9.1	--	6284	5717	567	9.0
Cheyenne	999	952	47	4.7	--	914	881	33	3.6
Clear Creek	2777	2506	271	9.8	--	2730	2482	248	9.1
Co. Springs MSA	185081	168835	16246	8.8	--	187431	170815	16616	8.9
Conejos	2576	2018	558	21.7	--	2472	1933	539	21.8
Costilla	1381	1137	244	17.7	--	1360	1084	276	20.3
Crowley	1574	1441	133	8.4	--	1503	1379	124	8.3
Custer	772	698	74	9.6	--	760	678	82	10.8
Delta	8187	7062	1125	13.7	--	7934	6815	1119	14.1
Den-Bldr CMSA	976071	911794	64277	6.6	--	991792	925859	65933	6.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	127369	119870	7499	5.9	--	129644	122006	7638	5.9
-Denver MSA	848702	791924	56778	6.7	--	862148	803853	58295	6.8
---Adams	143689	131689	12000	8.4	--	146527	133673	12854	8.8
---Arapahoe	201499	190822	10677	5.3	--	204287	193696	10591	5.2
---Denver	257316	238092	19224	7.5	--	261560	241678	19882	7.6
---Douglas	20874	19687	1187	5.7	--	21303	19984	1319	6.2
---Jefferson	225322	211634	13688	6.1	--	228470	214822	13648	6.0
Dolores	923	864	59	6.4	--	938	856	82	8.7
Eagle	14068	13493	575	4.1	--	14347	13763	584	4.1
Elbert	3993	3689	304	7.6	--	3967	3635	332	8.4
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	92851	86495	6356	6.8	--	93388	86546	6842	7.3
Fremont	11341	10191	1150	10.1	--	11512	10242	1270	11.0
Garfield	14173	13080	1093	7.7	--	14272	13025	1247	8.7
Gilpin	1358	1262	96	7.1	--	1361	1263	98	7.2
Grand	5543	5272	271	4.9	--	5463	5272	191	3.5
Greeley MSA	67601	62246	5355	7.9	--	67623	61935	5688	8.4
Gunnison	5854	5550	304	5.2	--	5803	5537	266	4.6
Hinsdale	339	327	12	3.5	--	337	325	12	3.6
Huerfano	2305	2006	299	13.0	--	2279	1971	308	13.5
Jackson	924	872	52	5.6	--	891	830	61	6.8
Kiowa	975	913	62	6.4	--	903	838	65	7.2
Kit Carson	3973	3800	173	4.4	--	3724	3563	161	4.3
Lake	1398	1210	188	13.4	--	1424	1226	198	13.9
La Plata	15365	14094	1271	8.3	--	15662	14296	1366	8.7
Las Animas	4828	4263	565	11.7	--	4841	4250	591	12.2
Lincoln	2261	2118	143	6.3	--	2117	1998	119	5.6
Logan	9260	8801	459	5.0	--	8919	8538	381	4.3
Mesa	39679	36005	3674	9.3	--	40376	36276	4100	10.2
Mineral	268	231	37	13.8	--	264	229	35	13.3
Moffat	5168	4608	560	10.8	--	5123	4567	556	10.9
Montezuma	8680	7567	1113	12.8	--	8826	7584	1242	14.1
Montrose	12420	10745	1675	13.5	--	12205	10636	1569	12.9
Morgan	9933	9027	906	9.1	--	9766	8981	785	8.0
Otero	8601	7503	1098	12.8	--	8532	7456	1076	12.6
Ouray	1416	1295	121	8.5	--	1387	1268	119	8.6
Park	2911	2677	234	8.0	--	2919	2683	236	8.1
Phillips	2077	2025	52	2.5	--	1942	1886	56	2.9
Pitkin	9770	9444	326	3.3	--	9702	9525	177	1.8
Prowers	6688	6106	582	8.7	--	6592	6018	574	8.7
Pueblo MSA	49068	44074	4994	10.2	--	49862	44449	5413	10.9
Rio Blanco	2829	2639	190	6.7	--	2781	2594	187	6.7
Rio Grande	4798	4230	568	11.8	--	4760	4144	616	12.9
Routt	8780	8304	476	5.4	--	8741	8281	460	5.3
Saguache	1608	1379	229	14.2	--	1521	1292	229	15.1
San Juan	670	593	67	11.8	--	586	504	82	14.0
San Miguel	2991	2816	175	5.9	--	3012	2828	184	6.1
Sedgwick	1483	1332	121	8.2	--	1372	1262	110	8.0
Summit	9845	9551	294	3.0	--	9900	9587	313	3.2
Teller	5063	4552	511	10.1	--	5131	4594	537	10.5
Washington	2559	2389	170	6.6	--	2389	2195	194	8.1
Yuma	4616	4436	180	3.9	--	4260	4125	135	3.2
COLORADO	1659459	1537585	121874	7.3	--	1677198	1551720	125478	7.5

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
March 1988 Revised

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5967	5376	591	9.9
Archuleta	2262	1957	305	13.5
Baca	2184	2091	93	4.3
Bent	2253	2093	160	7.1
Chaffee	6716	5996	720	10.7
Cheyenne	1053	1007	46	4.4
Clear Creek	2808	2503	305	10.9
Co. Springs MSA	186161	169641	16520	8.9
Conejos	2531	2044	487	19.2
Costilla	1409	1264	145	10.3
Crowley	1608	1511	97	6.0
Custer	978	926	52	5.3
Delta	8315	7100	1215	14.6
Den-Bldr CMSA	1000659	934997	65662	6.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	129604	122534	7070	5.5
-Denver MSA	871055	812463	58592	6.7
---Adams	147792	135104	12688	8.6
---Arapahoe	206976	195771	11205	5.4
---Denver	263948	244267	19681	7.5
---Douglas	21329	20198	1131	5.3
---Jefferson	231010	217123	13887	6.0
Dolores	1028	957	71	6.9
Eagle	13996	13390	606	4.3
Elbert	3876	3436	440	11.4
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93206	86542	6664	7.1
Fremont	11761	10403	1358	11.5
Garfield	14562	13253	1309	9.0
Gilpin	1178	1081	97	8.2
Grand	5342	5164	178	3.3
Greeley MSA	66905	61249	5656	8.5
Gunnison	5925	5643	282	4.8
Hinsdale	367	350	17	4.6
Huerfano	2318	2026	292	12.6
Jackson	960	883	77	8.0
Kiowa	976	910	66	6.8
Kit Carson	3930	3791	139	3.5
Lake	1441	1225	216	15.0
La Plata	15707	14361	1346	8.6
Las Animas	4846	4305	541	11.2
Lincoln	2139	2068	71	3.3
Logan	9189	8793	396	4.3
Mesa	40000	35856	4144	10.4
Mineral	293	231	62	21.2
Moffat	5152	4540	612	11.9
Montezuma	8746	7558	1188	13.6
Montrose	12397	10543	1854	15.0
Morgan	9574	8817	757	7.9
Otero	8486	7509	977	11.5
Ouray	1517	1324	193	12.7
Park	2804	2551	253	9.0
Phillips	2085	1994	91	4.4
Pitkin	10278	10054	224	2.2
Prowers	6572	6122	450	6.8
Pueblo MSA	49341	44457	4884	9.9
Rio Blanco	2677	2488	189	7.1
Rio Grande	4961	4156	805	16.2
Routt	8995	8466	529	5.9
Saguache	1686	1429	257	15.2
San Juan	603	524	79	13.1
San Miguel	3080	2864	216	7.0
Sedgwick	1380	1314	66	4.8
Summit	10079	9768	311	3.1
Teller	5323	4717	606	11.4
Washington	2541	2344	197	7.8
Yuma	4595	4396	199	4.3
COLORADO	1687720	1562357	125363	7.4

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$470.12	$466.77	$445.16	37.4	36.1	35.9	$12.57	$12.93	$12.40
MANUFACTURING	$408.99	$402.82	$405.16	39.1	38.4	39.8	$10.46	$10.49	$10.18
Durable Goods	$421.87	$414.56	$417.99	40.8	39.9	41.1	$10.34	$10.39	$10.17
Nondurable Goods	$389.79	$386.23	$387.22	36.6	36.3	38.0	$10.65	$10.64	$10.19

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988	MAR 2/ 1989	FEB 3/ 1989	MAR 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$488.06	$483.27	$490.85	37.2	36.2	37.7	$13.12	$13.35	$13.02
MANUFACTURING	$442.70	$436.00	$422.41	40.1	39.6	39.7	$11.04	$11.01	$10.64
Durable Goods	$463.71	$457.73	$479.76	41.0	40.4	41.9	$11.31	$11.33	$11.45
Nondurable Goods	$419.93	$412.54	$369.23	39.1	38.7	37.6	$10.74	$10.66	$9.82

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	MAR 1989	FEB 1989	MAR 1988	MAR 1989	FEB 1989	MAR 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	11,639	13,145	13,904	6,285	6,834	7,509
Continued Claims	132,733	132,300	171,359	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	108,030	105,468	142,499	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$17,089,415	$16,602,842	$22,240,600	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$141,162,426	$152,804,781	$60,383,012	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,418	12,764	16,057	8,394	6,860	8,554
Nonagricultural Placements	4,886	3,981	4,418	1,471	1,257	1,495
Agricultural Placements	238	50	180	65	6	44

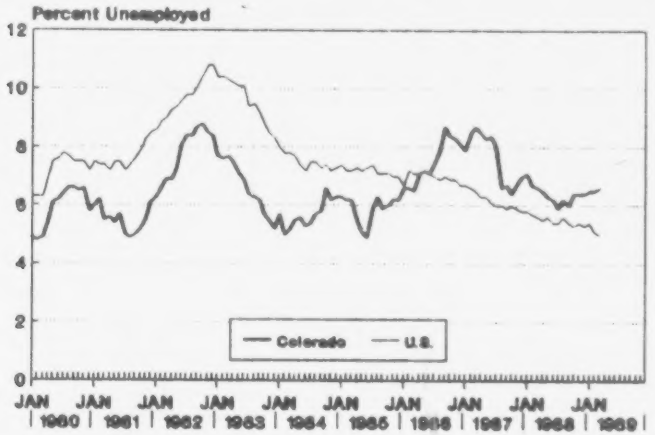
AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISIONS

February 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	121,906	1677.2	1684.9	485.2	396.7	691.3	765.4	225.9
Unemployment	6,883	125.5	98.7	33.8	29.9	50.8	35.9	18.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.6	7.5	5.9	7.0	7.5	7.3	4.7	8.0
Employment	115,023	1551.7	1586.2	451.4	366.8	640.5	729.5	207.9

SELECTED COLORADO ECONOMIC INDICATORS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
COLORADO AND U.S. (S.A.)



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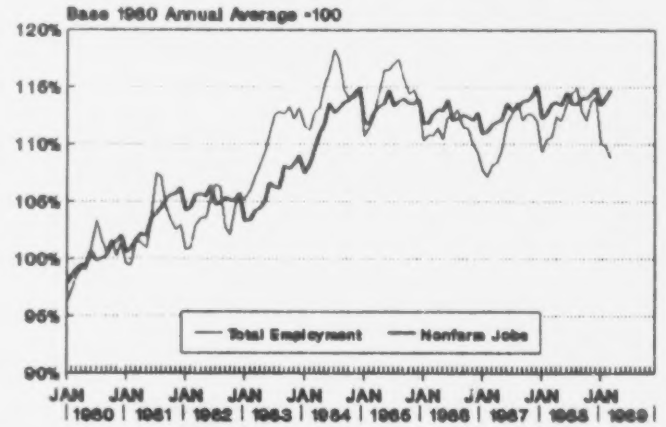

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Total Employment benchmarked to 1986 CPS
Data not seasonally adjusted

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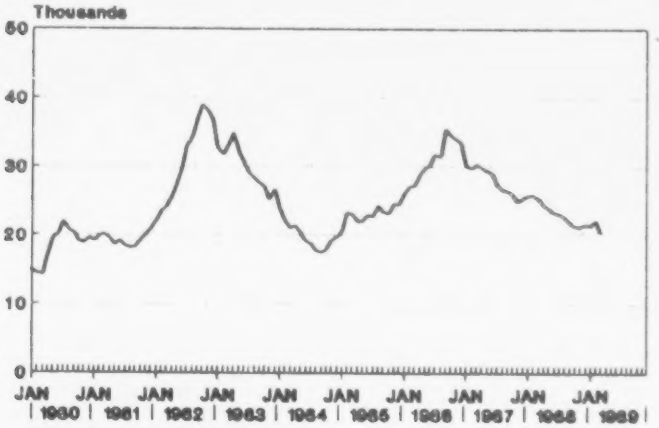

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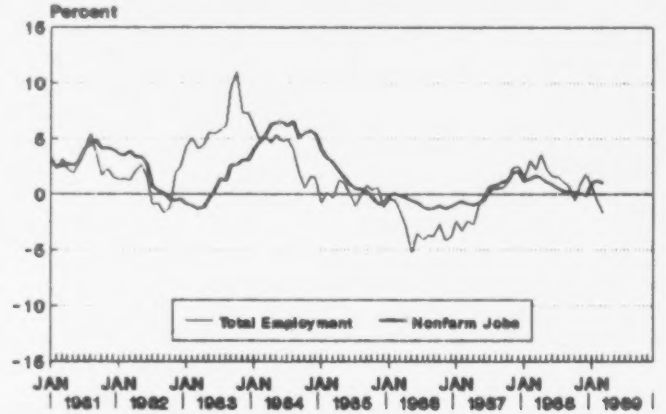
% OVER-THE-YEAR CHANGE
Total Employment vs. Nonfarm Jobs



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FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X 11 ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1988 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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